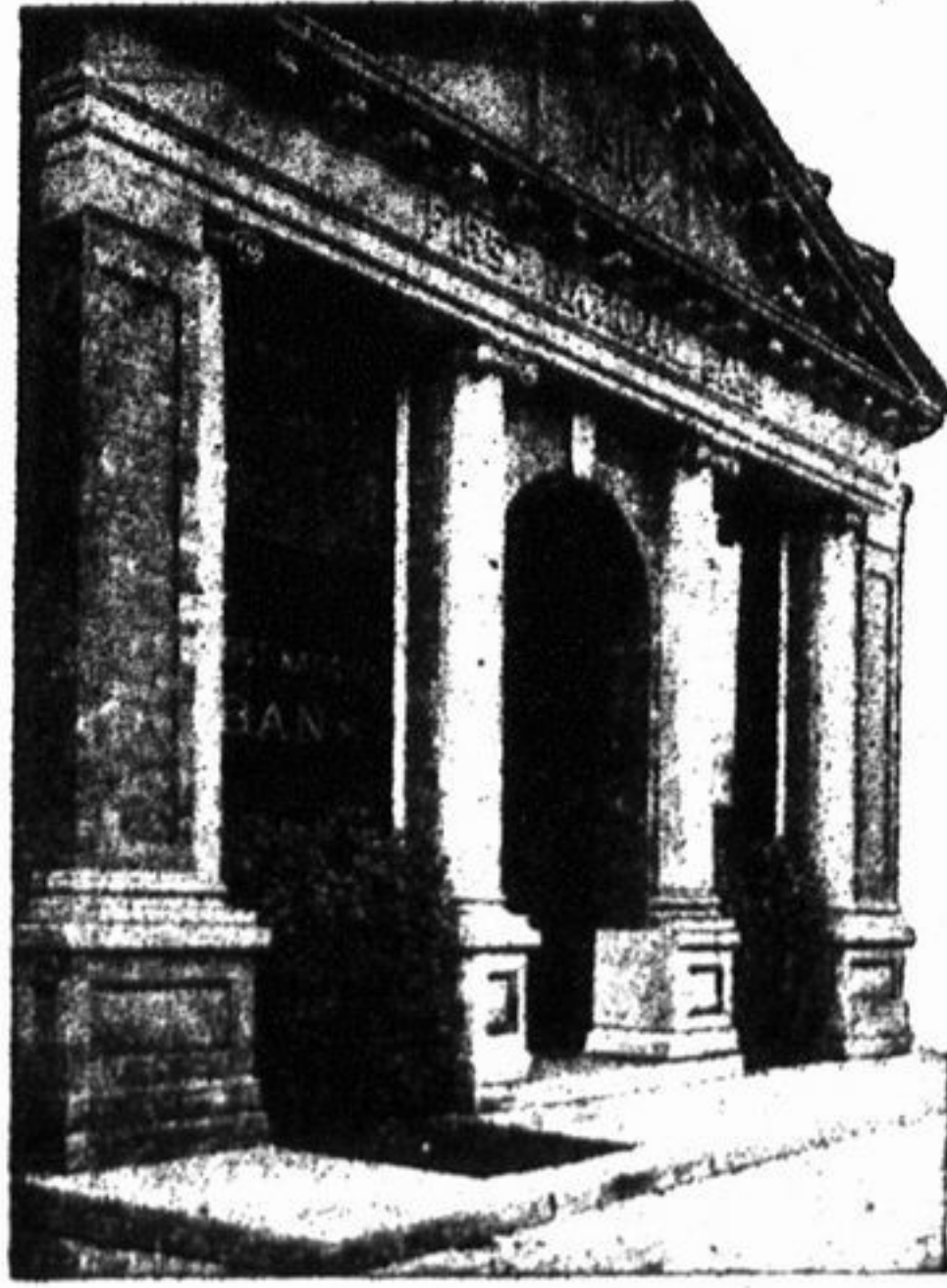


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AN ADVANTAGE FOR LOCAL MERCHANTS

A friend of ours once said: "I do not use newspaper advertising. I advertise through my windows."

Window advertising is good advertising. Showcase advertising is good advertising.

The window advertises to the passerby. The showcase to those actually in the store.

But your newspaper announcement carries descriptions of your merchandise right into the HOMES of ALL.

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SUNDAY BASEBALL QUESTION TO BE SETTLED TOMORROW

One of the Hottest Elections the Village has Ever Seen Will Advise Board on Public Stand.

The question of playing or not playing baseball on Sunday in Downers Grove will be settled at an informal election tomorrow afternoon.

Almost every voter in the village has taken sides on the question and a hot fight is looked for. The only thing approaching it in recent years is the school election which was held here this spring and from present indications the vote tomorrow will be larger even than the school vote.

But one polling place will be used—the Village Hall—and the polls will be open from one to six.

Backing the fight to repeal the present ordinance prohibiting the playing of Sunday baseball is the newly formed American Legion post composed of army, navy and marine corps veterans of the World War. Opposing them are five of Downers Grove churches: First Methodist, First Evangelical, First Congregational, First Baptist, and St. Paul's Evangelical, led by the Rev. Burton H. Fleming; of the Methodist and the Rev. Thomas J. Owens of the Congregational.

Each side is working hard in order to influence the vote. House-to-house canvasses were threatened by the workers but the entire village has not been covered by either faction.

Wording of Ballot.

The ballot which will be presented to the voters tomorrow will read as follows: "Shall an ordinance entitled, 'An Ordinance Prohibiting the Playing of Baseball and Football on the first day of the week, commonly called the Sabbath,' be repealed. Yes and No."

A vote "YES" shall mean a vote in favor of Sunday baseball and a vote "NO" against Sunday baseball.

Ordinance Four Years Old.

On May 10, 1915, the village board passed the ordinance in question. It provides for a fine of any one playing on Sunday and on public grounds for the owner of a ground where a baseball game is played.

During these four years many agitators have arisen for the repeal of the ordinance. Until now, however, no concerted action by those favoring its repeal has been taken.

Commissioners Pledged

Tomorrow's election will not in any way be legal. It will merely be an informal election to get an expression of opinion on how a majority of local people feel on the question of Sunday baseball.

The Commissioners have pledged themselves to abide by a decision of the people. If a majority vote for a repeal of the ordinance they will repeal it. Otherwise they will take no action and the ordinance will remain in force.

Rumors Flying Fast.

Charges and counter-charges, rumors and more rumors are flying fast from one side to the other. No sooner is one accusation denied or confirmed by the "fors" or "antis" than another presents itself.

Tomorrow's election will be one big fight and we hesitate to make a prediction on the final result.

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE SCHOOL TAX CARRIES BIG

An election was held in school district 58 last Saturday afternoon on the proposition to increase school taxes of the district. The proposition carried by 80 out of 84 votes cast.

This is the second time this school district has voted to increase its taxation. The second election being due to the State Legislature revoking the law under which the first was held and substituting another which meant about the same thing.

Anticipating the additional revenue accruing to our local schools under the new law, the Board of Education raised the salaries of teachers and pledged themselves for better schools by spending more money. Luckily the proposition carried Saturday for it would have embarrassed the financial standing of the district to try and carry additional expenses under the old revenue law.

LOCAL RESERVE MILITIA STILL DOING GUARD DUTY

Men of Co. H Do Not Complain in Spite of Lack of Sleep and Hard Work.

Co. H, Illinois Reserve Militia, is still doing guard duty in connection with the race riots in Chicago. Their headquarters are at the Seward school, 26th st. and Armitage ave. where they get all the sleep possible between their hours of duty. When meal time comes the Metropole Hotel is their mecca and not a word of complaint comes from them regarding their chow.

Patrols are on duty three hours and off nine and their territory now is the district "back of the yards" which was burned out by a supposed rioter. The men parade the streets, quelling disturbances and by their presence assuring against another outbreak of rioting.

Rumors and false reports of the gathering of crowds and shots being fired by both whites and blacks have those in "reserve" scurrying out at all hours. The men are losing considerable sleep but are doing all that is asked of them uncomplainingly.

The orders keeping visitors out of the area patrolled by the reserve militia has been resented and many Downers Grove people have been in to see the local men. Packages of cigars, candy, and home cooked viands of every kind have been carried in by local women to their husbands and friends.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that Co. H will be relieved of duty and will get back to town this morning. If they do friends of some of the men will have to look at them two or three times before they recognize them. An incident of saving script from the stacks the other day, ran the captain down and now the minute supplies which were wont to adorn the upper lips of some of them are missing. It is said that Tack, Kelly, Tizzani, Kester, Jones, Sucker, Heints and a few more cannot be recognized from more than two feet away.

On the other hand some mustache-less fellows are growing one or them things, so it is really a standoff.

THE REPORTER HAS BEEN READ ON EVERY FRONT

During the world war thousands of copies of THE REPORTER were read by hundreds of local boys in the United States service. They were read on every front in the world, in France, Italy, Siberia, at home—EVERYWHERE!

There is now another front, not very far from here, where local soldiers are guarding lives and property against rioters. The stock yards and black belt district of Chicago.

This front was no exception to the others, THE REPORTER was read there last Friday also.

We sent in a bundle of fifty, one for each man and we think they were appreciated.

GRENADIE VICTIM BROTHER OF MRS. EMIL EICHHORST

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Eichhorst who were making an auto trip through Iowa were called home by a telegram received at Newell, Iowa, Monday, on account of the death of Mr. Herman Kremksi, brother of Mrs. Eichhorst.

Mr. Kremksi was fatally injured last Saturday by the explosion of a hand grenade which was being exhibited by one of his neighbors, who was instantly killed. Mr. Kremksi died Sunday and was buried Wednesday afternoon.

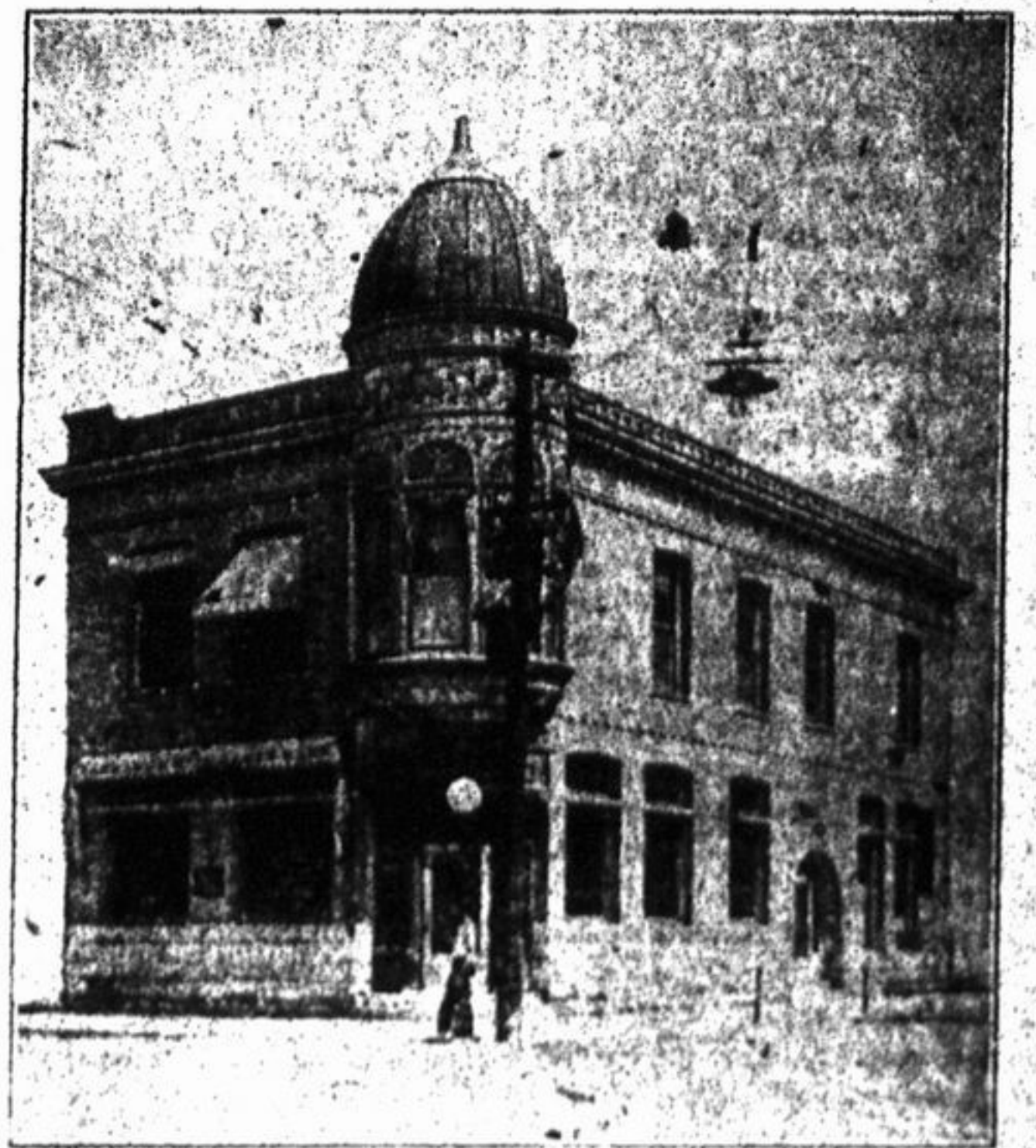
Mr. Kremksi had just purchased 10 acres here and expected to make his home in Downers Grove.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting Monday, August 11th, I will assume the business of F. Gerwig, known as the North Side Grocery and Market. I will endeavor to suit all who will give me a trial as to quality of goods and price.

This store will be run on a cash basis. Delivery free.

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If you are convinced that the investment you are about to make is solid, conservative, unshrinkable, and feel certain it will not cause you future doubt or anxiety of mind, make it.

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There is a great under-production of all grades and kinds of coal. The government has sent warnings to lay in supplies early. If you want to be sure of an adequate supply for your use

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